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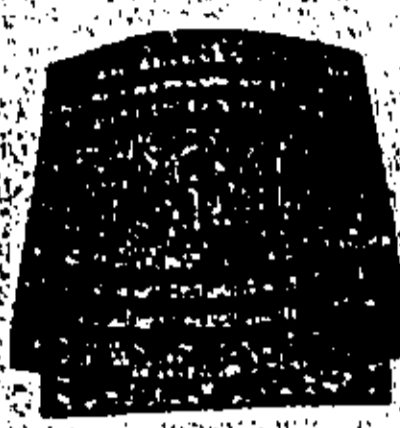
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, August 25.
We are likely, according to the Nation, to have a general election in January whether the Lords throw out the Budget or not. That weekly journal is reputed to have some sort of relationship to Lloyd George and Winston Churchill and it is edited by H. W. Massingham, formerly editor of the Daily Chronicle.

So we are to have no peace in our time. Even now the land is noisy with the conflicting cries of pro-Budget men and anti-Budget men. But the signs are favourable to the former. The Conservatives do not find the land taxes irritate the mass of the people—indeed the reports from the provinces show that part of the Budget, at any rate, to be popular.

Then it struck some genius that if the people were to be got at it must be at their seaside resorts. The pierrots and the merry-go-rounds should not have it all their own way. The consequence is that we are having indignant correspondents writing from everywhere on the seas to protest that though at home they are good Conservatives why in thunder should they be persecuted every time they try to take a smoke on the beach by some anti-Budget man starting a grampophone going, telling what a spoiler the Chancellor of the Exchequer was and is? So the seaside political enterprise has proved a fiasco and the pierrots are patronised as much as ever in spite of the new competition.

I saw Bishop Ingham for a few minutes before he left on his mission visit to the Far East. By the time you get this letter I think he will be in Japan but he will be with Bishop Lander in Hongkong a little later on.

He said, "You see I am in charge of the home organisation of the Church Missionary Society in England and I realise that we have not yet a base of operations adequate to the enterprise of the conversion of the non-Christian world; hence I am keen on obtaining accurate information for my work here in England. I was in Sierra Leone as Bishop for some years but that did not give me a full knowledge of missionary problems in other parts of the world."

"My projected tour seems to have attracted more than the usual amount of interest. Only a week or two ago I received a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury in which he says, 'We are all very greatly interested in the thought of your visit to the mission fields of the Far East.' I shall be most anxious to obtain from you when you return home some of the varied information which you will have gathered for our stimulus and guidance and I very cordially commend your work and yourself to all who can further your endeavour in any way."

"After reaching Japan via the Siberian railway I shall stay six weeks there and at Tokyo I shall attend the great conference of the missionaries of all Christian bodies from October 4 to 11, to celebrate the introduction of modern Christianity into Japan."

"After that I go to Shanghai to study the missionary problem in Mid-China under the guidance of Bishop Maloney. From there I pass on to Fuhkien to see Bishop Price, who worked with me in West Africa. Then Hongkong for a fortnight, sailing on Christmas Eve for Colombo. I hope to visit Taittiri, Bombay, Jerusalem, Cairo, and to be back in England by April 15 so that I can tell the May meetings what I have seen and heard."

There seems to be a frontier in the angle of the wall-beds nowadays. Even those who have as much as £2,000 a year coming in are taking to British Columbia and elsewhere. I expect some people are inclined to argue that these things are due to the 'Land Budget' and so forth, but the fact is many fathers are looking for a country where their sons may forge ahead and establish the family 'brow' still more firmly in the soil of prosperity and there are no better 'Chinamen' (considerable number in fact) than those who are looking for a better life in the States.

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